

Email From: John Cleary, Vermont Organic Farmers, LLC

Subject: National List Amendments

Dear Mr. Mathews,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to the USDA National List, Docket Number TMD-02-03. We are in support of the comments filed by the Organic Materials Review Institute, and look forward to finalization of this docket as well as future amendments that include adoption of all the NOSB recommendations.

Of particular concern to Vermont Organic Farmers is the omission of the 13 high-priority livestock medications that the NOSB has approved. Why aren't these medications included in the proposed amendments? In October 2002, NOSB also recommended a specific allowance for excipients used in animal drugs to permit formulations of medical products containing approved active ingredients. We support this allowance.

Sincerely,

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